



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



Michael P. Nolin
Commissioner
January 13, 2004

Munces Superior Inc
Attn: Rob Munce
620 Main Street
Gorham, NH 03581

**NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE and
PERMIT REVOCATION – NCPR # 04-002**

RE NORTHUMBERLAND, P&L MINI MART, EXISTING UNDERGROUND STORAGE
TANK FACILITY (UST #M-0111359) (DES #198910008)

Dear Mr. Munce

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (“DES”) is hereby notifying you that the above-referenced facility, located at Route 3 & 110, Northumberland, NH is not in compliance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Env-Wm 1401, regulating Underground Storage Facilities. On June 18, 2003 a DES inspector conducted a compliance audit at the facility. A written document, describing the deficiencies was provided to the facility representative. This document required the facility be returned to compliance within 45 days, and DES be notified of the corrective measures taken. Compliance has not been achieved. **Failure to achieve compliance with the following deficiencies within 90 days from the date of this Notice of Non-Compliance and Permit Revocation (“Notice”) will result in revocation of your Permit-to-Operate on April 12, 2004. This letter contains important compliance and procedural information. Please read it carefully.**

Env-Wm 1401.26 Leak Monitoring for New Tanks and Env-Wm 1401.31 Operation of
Leak Monitoring Equipment

Env-Wm 1401.26 and/or Env-Wm 1401.31 require that a leak monitor for double-wall tank systems continuously operate. The leak monitoring equipment and devices shall be tested annually for proper operation in accordance with manufacturer's requirements. DES has determined that the monitor's lights were not functional, access to the leak monitor was restricted, and the annual test for proper operation had not been conducted. Any malfunction must be repaired within 15 working days or the affected system shall be temporarily closed (all product removed to less than 1-inch) until satisfactory repairs are made. Leak monitor replacement or maintenance results or indication that the systems have been temporarily closed shall be provided to DES. The annual leak monitor test shall also be provided to DES.

Env-Wm 1401.32 Corrosion Protection for Steel Tanks

Env-Wm 1401.32 requires corrosion protection systems be tested within six (6) months of installation and every three (3) years thereafter. DES has determined that corrosion (cathodic)

protection testing had not been performed since March 20, 2000. Corrosion protection test results for 2003 for the 6,000-gallon and 4,000-gallon gasoline UST systems shall be provided to DES.

In addition, Env-Wm 1401.10(a) requires owners of underground storage facilities for oil to maintain financial responsibility for costs associated with cleanup of releases from systems, the implementation of corrective measures, and compensation for third party damages in the amount equal to or greater than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Env-Wm 1401.10(c) provides that the financial responsibility requirement may be satisfied if the owner is eligible for reimbursement of costs associated with cleanup of releases from the Oil Discharge and Disposal Cleanup Fund ("the Fund"). Eligibility for the Fund is contingent upon achieving and maintaining compliance with statutory (RSA 146-C) and regulatory (Env-Wm 1401) requirement. This facility has not maintained compliance, consequently, should your permit be revoked the Fund will not be available to you as a financial responsibility mechanism for subsequent releases. At such time as the deficiencies listed in this Notice have been resolved and your facility has been deemed in compliance with RSA 146-C and Env-Wm 1401, you may again use the Fund as your financial assurance mechanism for future releases.

In accordance with RSA 146-C:4 and Env-Wm 1401.07(a), no person shall own or operate an underground storage facility without a permit issued by DES. Within 30 days from the date of the permit revocation the facility shall be closed in accordance with Env-Wm 1401.18 for permanent closure.

Based on the compliance deficiencies described above, DES believes this facility poses a potential substantial threat to the surface and groundwater of the state. Therefore, in accordance with RSA 146-C:4 and Env-Wm 1401.09, if compliance, as requested above, is not achieved within ninety (90) days of the date of this Notice your Permit-to-Operate (UST Permit #0111359) shall be revoked effective **April 12, 2004**. Within thirty (30) days of the date of permit revocation all regulated substances must be removed from the UST systems at this facility. If the facility achieves compliance during the ninety (90) day period, it is necessary that documentation be submitted to DES verifying that compliance has been attained.

You have the right to a hearing to contest these allegations before the proposed license action is taken. The hearing would be a formal adjudicative proceeding pursuant to RSA 541-A:31, at which you and any witnesses you may call would have the opportunity to present testimony and evidence as to why the proposed action should not be taken. All testimony at the hearing would be under oath and would be subject to cross-examination. If you wish to have a hearing, one will be scheduled promptly.

RSA 541-A:31 III(e) provides that you have the right to have an attorney present to represent yourself at your own expense. If the Permit is an occupational license, under RSA 541-A:31, III(f) you have the right to request DES to provide a certified shorthand court reporter at your own expense. **Such request must be submitted in writing at least 10 days prior to the proceeding.**

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You may waive your right to a hearing. If you waive the hearing, DES is prepared to proceed with the actions as stated above. You should notify DES of your decision by filling out and returning the enclosed form.

If there are any questions concerning the above, may be contacted at the Waste Management Division at (603) 271-1165.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn A. Woodard', is written over the word 'COPY'.

Lynn A. Woodard, P.E.

Supervisor

Oil Compliance and Initial Response Section

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